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I run a very successful all Electric equipment landscaping company in the inner Portland area. I have over a 150 clients I service. Most of these clients have found my business because of my non toxic, all electric equipment program. I support this bill not only for environmental and noise reasons but also for the great humans, animals and their belongings. Gas blowers are terrible and the humans that use them are at risk for possible health issues over time. Gas blowers along with many other gas powered machines are beyond disruptive and toxic smelling. When I'm in a neighborhood and using my electric blower that does a wonderful job and I have multiple companies around me using their gas blowers, the noise and smell travel. I get multiple people in each neighborhood monthly thanking me for only using my electric blower and they don't understand why gas blowers are still able to be used. They express their anger, how disruptive they are, how they have to close all their windows and the smell still travels, that they can't be outside visiting with a friend or family when a gas blower is being used and so many other stories they share. Most of these neighbors are houses away from the company that's doing the work as well. This conversation has been going on for a long time now. My company and staff have never felt any set backs with only using electric equipment. This is where we're going in the world-it's time to get on board as a city and ban these nasty things once and for all.

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